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# OKLAHOMA LABOR MARKET

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*(December Data)*

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## HIGHLIGHTS

TOTAL EMPLOYMENT NOMINALLY LOWER IN DECEMBER FROM NOVEMBER.

UNEMPLOYMENT RISES CONTRA-SEASONALLY IN DECEMBER FROM THE PREVIOUS MONTH.

DECEMBER'S JOBLESS RATE RISES TO 7.1 FROM 6.9 OVER THIS 30 DAY PERIOD.

NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT INCREASED BY 3,200 JOBS BETWEEN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

## DECEMBER EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION

Total employment based on a place-of-residence concept, dropped to 1,426,600 in December, down 2,700 from November's revised total. This marked the second year of decline for this period since the 1982 recession. While employment declined, unemployment increased to 111,700, up 2,900 from the previous month as a result of changes in these labor force components, the December unemployment rate rose to 7.1 percent, up from a revised 6.9 percent in November.

Year-ago comparisons showed this December's employment total some 57,700 greater than the corresponding 1983 month. Unemployment was up 4,700 from the same year-earlier period although this month's 7.1 rate was unchanged.

National labor market figures for December showed that 106,049,000 persons were employed and 7,978,000 were jobless for an unemployment rate of 7.0 percent. Consequently, Oklahoma's 7.1 rate stood just above U.S. unemployment.

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## OKLAHOMA LABOR FORCE
## SUMMARY TABLE

| Item | Number (In Thousands) | | | % Chg. | Absolute Change | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Dec 1984p | Nov 1984r | Dec 1983r | Nov 84 Dec 84 | Nov 84 Dec 84 | Dec 83 Dec 84 |
| **Total Labor Force †** | 1574.3 | 1574.1 | 1511.9 | * | 0.2 | 62.4 |
| Unemployment | 111.7 | 108.8 | 107.0 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 4.7 |
| Unemployment Rate | 7.1 | 6.9 | 7.1 | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Unemployment Rate (Seas. Adj.) | 7.2 | 6.9 | 7.2 | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Total Employment | 1462.6 | 1465.3 | 1404.9 | – 0.2 | – 2.7 | 57.7 |
| Agriculture | 42.3 | 46.0 | 42.7 | – 8.0 | – 3.7 | – 0.4 |
| Domestic Service, Self-Employed & Unpaid Family Workers | 179.1 | 178.4 | 186.8 | 0.4 | 0.7 | – 7.7 |
| Idled by Labor Disputes | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | – 2.5 |
| **Wage and Salaried Workers, Total** 1/ | 1191.0 | 1187.8 | 1181.0 | 0.3 | 3.2 | 10.0 |
| Manufacturing | 174.7 | 176.2 | 169.1 | – 0.9 | – 1.5 | 5.6 |
| Durable Goods | 111.3 | 112.2 | 106.8 | – 0.8 | – 0.9 | 4.5 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.6 | – 3.7 | – 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 11.0 | 11.0 | 10.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Primary Metal Industries | 4.4 | 4.5 | 4.2 | – 2.2 | – 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 17.1 | 17.1 | 16.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Fab. Structural Metal Products | 9.6 | 9.6 | 9.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | – 0.2 |
| Machinery Exc. Electrical | 33.4 | 33.8 | 31.7 | – 1.2 | – 0.4 | 1.7 |
| Oil Field Machinery | 9.3 | 9.5 | 9.2 | – 2.1 | – 0.2 | 0.1 |
| General Industrial Machinery | 6.7 | 6.7 | 5.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 |
| Electrical and Electronic Equip | 15.6 | 15.6 | 15.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 |
| Transportation Equipment | 21.9 | 22.2 | 20.2 | – 1.4 | – 0.3 | 1.7 |
| Aircraft & Parts | 8.8 | 9.1 | 8.1 | – 3.3 | – 0.3 | 0.7 |
| Instruments & Related Products | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Nondurable Goods | 63.4 | 64.0 | 62.3 | – 0.9 | – 0.6 | 1.1 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 15.2 | 15.3 | 14.7 | – 0.7 | – 0.1 | 0.5 |
| Apparel & Other Textile Products | 9.3 | 9.7 | 9.3 | – 4.1 | – 0.4 | 0.0 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| Printing & Publishing | 11.2 | 11.1 | 11.1 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Newspapers & Periodicals | 6.2 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.2 |
| Petroleum & Coal Products | 7.8 | 8.0 | 8.5 | – 2.5 | – 0.2 | – 0.7 |
| Petroleum Refining | 7.2 | 7.4 | 7.9 | – 2.7 | – 0.2 | – 0.7 |
| Rubber & Misc. Plastic Products | 11.8 | 11.8 | 11.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 |
| Tires & Inner Tubes | 7.7 | 7.7 | 7.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 |
| Mining | 75.1 | 74.8 | 74.7 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Oil & Gas Extraction | 72.2 | 71.7 | 71.9 | 0.7 | 0.5 | 0.3 |
| Construction | 43.7 | 44.6 | 48.8 | – 2.0 | – 0.9 | – 5.1 |
| Transportation & Public Utilities Ex | 65.1 | 65.0 | 66.8 | 0.2 | 0.1 | – 1.7 |
| Transportation | 33.3 | 33.3 | 33.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | – 0.6 |
| Railroad Transportation | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Trucking & Warehousing | 16.8 | 16.9 | 17.9 | – 0.6 | – 0.1 | – 1.1 |
| Communications & Electric, GA | 31.8 | 31.7 | 32.9 | 0.3 | 0.1 | – 1.1 |
| Wholesale & Retail Trade | 299.2 | 294.1 | 293.1 | 1.7 | 5.1 | 6.1 |
| Wholesale Trade | 75.4 | 75.2 | 73.4 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 2.0 |
| Retail Trade | 223.8 | 218.9 | 219.7 | 2.2 | 4.9 | 4.1 |
| General Merchandise Stores | 33.6 | 31.4 | 32.3 | 7.0 | 2.2 | 1.3 |
| Fodd Stores | 38.3 | 38.1 | 37.7 | 0.5 | 0.2 | 0.6 |
| Automotive Dealers & Service Sta | 26.1 | 26.0 | 25.4 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 0.7 |
| Apparel & Accessory Stores | 16.8 | 15.9 | 16.6 | 5.7 | 0.9 | 0.2 |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 63.7 | 63.3 | 62.5 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 1.2 |
| Banking | 21.3 | 21.2 | 21.8 | 0.5 | 0.1 | – 0.5 |
| Insurance Carriers | 9.4 | 9.4 | 9.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Services | 220.5 | 221.5 | 217.2 | – 0.5 | – 1.0 | 3.3 |
| Hotels & Other Lodging Places | 10.1 | 10.3 | 10.4 | – 1.9 | – 0.2 | – 0.3 |
| Personal Services | 10.7 | 10.8 | 10.9 | – 0.9 | – 0.1 | – 0.2 |
| Health Services | 68.6 | 68.9 | 69.3 | – 0.4 | – 0.3 | – 0.7 |
| Total Government | 249.0 | 248.3 | 248.8 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.2 |
| Federal Government | 49.9 | 49.9 | 48.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 |
| State & Local Government | 199.1 | 198.4 | 199.9 | 0.4 | 0.7 | – 0.8 |

* *Less than one-tenth of one percent.*

† *Based on place-of-residence concept.*

1/ *These estimates are adjusted to first quarter 1983 benchmark levels. Estimates include all full and part-time employees of nonagricultural establishments who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month.*

## NONFARM PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT RISES IN DECEMBER

December nonfarm wage and salary employment totaled 1,191,000, up 3,200 from the revised total of 1,187,800 in November. Not surprisingly, the dominant increase occurred in trade as retailers added 4,900 workers for the Christmas shopping season. During this November—December period four other major industries also contributed to the nonagricultural employment situation. These industries were government, mining, transportation-public utilities and service where gains ranged from 100 to 700 jobs. Meanwhile, the three remaining major industry divisions experienced payroll reductions in December. Manufacturing cut back 1,500 overall as plant closings and temporary layoffs occurred in numerous establishments. Service employment dropped by 1,000 due to small reductions in many firms. Construction jobs slipped 900 over the 30 day period, partly attributed to seasonality.

Nonfarm wage and salary employment increased 10,000 in December when compared to the corresponding 1983 month. The increase over the year was centered in trade and manufacturing. Trade employment was up 6,100 as most major retail components added workers. The wholesale sector had only a minimal gain. Factory employment advanced 5,600 with numerous manufacturing industries adding jobs. Largest gains were additions in nonelectrical machinery and transportation equipment of 1,700 workers each. Service employment also advanced moderately over the year recording a gain of 3,300 jobs largely concentrated in establishments engaged in business and miscellaneous recreational services. Smaller year-to-year additions were also observed in mining, finance-insurance-real estate and government.

## HOURS AND EARNINGS

Manufacturing production workers in Oklahoma factories averaged a 40.2 hour workweek in December, down 1.7 hours from the previous month. Hourly earnings edged up to $9.84 from $9.82 in November. As a result of these changes, manufacturing pay dropped to $395.57, off $15.89 in weekly earnings. Within the manufacturing industry, those employed in durable goods production averaged a shorter workweek—40.5 hours compared to 42.6—and sustained a 5 cent hourly wage rate reduction. Consequently, weekly earnings tumbled to $408.65, down from November's $431.96 weekly average. In the nondurables sector of manufacturing, weekly earnings rose fractionally higher to $372.93 or 63 cents more as pay per hour increased 20 cents, while hours worked declined by .8 hours.

Hours and earnings are surveyed in five major nonmanufacturing industries as shown in the **Hours and Earnings Table for Selected Industries** in this issue. These data indicate that weekly earnings increased for four of these five industries; namely, oil and gas extraction, public utilities, wholesale-trade and retail trade (excluding eating and drinking places). The largest increase occurred for oil and gas extraction workers as their weekly pay rose $23.04 due to a longer workweek at more pay per hour. Gains in the other three were small-to-moderate. Construction was the industry that registered a drop in weekly earnings as the workweek slipped to 36.5 from 38.6 hours and pay per hour increased to $11.19 or 27 cents more.

Year-ago comparisons for hours and earnings disclosed virtually no change in the average weekly paychecks of manufacturing production workers this December from the comparative period of 1983. Among the nonfactory industries, construction and retail trade had smaller weekly earnings this December, while oil and gas extraction, public utilities and wholesale trade workers had greater average pay.

## INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT

The number of persons receiving unemployment benefits in the week ending December 22, 1984 totaled 24,075, a substantial increase over the comparable week in November. In addition, some 2,600 individuals were receiving federal supplemental payments (FSC), available to persons whose regular state benefits expire. This latest figure also represented an increase since November, but was sharply below a year ago when 9,000 were receiving these payments. This was the largest insured jobless total since early in 1984 and indicated a tighter labor market. Those formerly employed in manufacturing constituted the largest number, 5,176 or 21.5 percent of the total receiving benefit payments. Contract construction was the industry with the next largest number of insured jobless, 4,743 or 19.7 percent, while those persons classified in wholesale-reatil trade comprised 3,557 or 14.8 percent. Mining, reflecting conditions in that industry, had 2,403 or 10.0 percent of total insured unemployment.

Insured joblessness viewed according to occupational attachment showed 23.2 percent of the total employed in structural work, while 3,964 or 16.5 percent were classified as miscellaneous workers. Those formerly employed in clerical occupations comprised 3,698 or 15.4 percent of the insured jobless total, while professional-technical-managerial employees accounted for 3,304 or 13.7 percent. Service occupations were another category with a sizeable number receiving unemployment benefits—2,203 or 9.2 percent. Finally, insured joblessness in remaining occupations ranged from 1.0 percent to 8.1 percent.

Insured unemployment based on duration totaled 8,562 for those receiving benefit payments for less than 5 weeks to 5,702 for the 15 weeks and longer group. Those recipients receiving unemployment compensation for 5-14 weeks constituted the largest number, 9,811 in December.

## STATEWIDE LABOR FORCE SITUATION

Unemployment rates went up in 43 Oklahoma counties and the two largest metropolitan areas—Oklahoma City and Tulsa—from November to December. Conversely, jobless rates declined in 31 counties, while rates were unchanged in the remaining three. Unemployment rates during December were in double digit figures in 18 counties.

Statewide unemployment increased from 6.9 percent of the labor force in November to 7.1 percent in December, the same figure recorded in December 1983. By comparison, the national jobless rate was 7.0 percent in December, up from 6.9 percent in November.

Year-ago comparisons indicated that unemployment was higher this December over the corresponding 1983 period in 31 counties, but was lower in 46 counties. Joblessness was up in the Oklahoma City Metropolitan Area to 5.8 percent compared to 5.3 a year ago. By contrast, Tulsa's unemployment rate slipped to 7.3 from 7.8 percent over this 12 month period.

# LABOR FORCE DATA

## *Total Employment and Unemployment*

### DECEMBER 1984

| Area | Employment | Unemployment | Labor Force | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Current Month | Month Ago | Year Ago |
| UNITED STATES | 106,049,000 | 7,978,000 | 114,027,000 | 7.0 | 6.9 | 8.0 |
| OKLAHOMA | 1,462,600 | 111,700 | 1,574,300 | 7.1 | 6.9 | 7.1 |
| Oklahoma City MSA* | 468,200 | 28,900 | 497,100 | 5.8 | 5.5 | 5.3 |
| Tulsa MSA** | 345,300 | 27,300 | 372,600 | 7.3 | 7.2 | 7.8 |
| Lawton MSA*** | 38,300 | 2,525 | 40,825 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 5.9 |
| Enid MSA**** | 29,500 | 2,000 | 31,500 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 5.3 |
| Adair | 7,840 | 650 | 8,490 | 7.7 | 8.2 | 9.0 |
| Alfalfa | 3,290 | 120 | 3,410 | 3.5 | 3.8 | 3.6 |
| Atoka | 4,220 | 720 | 4,490 | 14.6 | 14.1 | 10.8 |
| Beaver | 3,260 | 100 | 3,360 | 3.0 | 2.9 | 2.7 |
| Beckham | 10,510 | 920 | 11,430 | 8.0 | 8.4 | 11.0 |
| Blaine | 5,650 | 350 | 6,000 | 5.8 | 5.8 | 6.9 |
| Bryan | 14,300 | 1,170 | 15,470 | 7.6 | 8.6 | 8.1 |
| Caddo | 12,980 | 1,330 | 14,310 | 9.3 | 9.2 | 8.2 |
| Canadian | 31,675 | 1,725 | 33,400 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 4.7 |
| Carter | 21,025 | 1,650 | 22,675 | 7.3 | 7.4 | 7.8 |
| Cherokee | 13,920 | 1,510 | 15,430 | 9.8 | 10.0 | 8.9 |
| Choctaw | 5,540 | 870 | 6,410 | 13.6 | 14.5 | 13.3 |
| Cimarron | 1,420 | 60 | 1,480 | 4.1 | 4.0 | 4.4 |
| Cleveland | 74,750 | 3,900 | 78,650 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.6 |
| Coal | 1,930 | 330 | 2,260 | 14.6 | 14.4 | 15.6 |
| Comanche | 38,300 | 2,525 | 40,825 | 6.2 | 6.0 | 5.9 |
| Cotton | 2,650 | 120 | 2,770 | 4.3 | 5.1 | 4.7 |
| Craig | 7,140 | 570 | 7,710 | 7.4 | 6.3 | 6.8 |
| Creek | 29,550 | 2,425 | 31,975 | 7.6 | 7.5 | 9.2 |
| Custer | 15,580 | 990 | 16,570 | 6.0 | 5.5 | 6.3 |
| Delaware | 10,380 | 1,080 | 11,460 | 9.4 | 8.7 | 8.7 |
| Dewey | 3,290 | 240 | 3,530 | 6.8 | 6.6 | 7.3 |
| Ellis | 2,370 | 210 | 2,580 | 8.1 | 7.4 | 8.3 |
| Garfield | 29,500 | 2,000 | 31,500 | 6.3 | 6.2 | 5.3 |
| Garvin | 11,520 | 1,080 | 12,600 | 8.6 | 7.8 | 7.7 |
| Grady | 18,820 | 1,630 | 20,450 | 8.0 | 8.3 | 7.9 |
| Grant | 2,760 | 110 | 2,870 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 4.4 |
| Greer | 2,850 | 190 | 3,040 | 6.3 | 7.7 | 6.9 |
| Harmon | 1,770 | 110 | 1,880 | 5.9 | 6.5 | 5.1 |
| Harper | 1,750 | 80 | 1,830 | 4.4 | 4.9 | 7.0 |
| Haskell | 5,150 | 710 | 5,860 | 12.1 | 11.7 | 11.1 |
| Hughes | 5,060 | 830 | 5,890 | 14.1 | 14.1 | 14.5 |
| Jackson | 10,470 | 810 | 11,280 | 7.2 | 5.9 | 6.8 |
| Jefferson | 3,510 | 270 | 3,780 | 7.1 | 7.4 | 8.8 |
| Johnston | 3,860 | 360 | 4,220 | 8.5 | 8.4 | 7.8 |
| Kay | 25,150 | 1,875 | 27,025 | 6.9 | 5.8 | 7.1 |
| Kingfisher | 8,170 | 370 | 8,540 | 4.3 | 4.8 | 4.9 |
| Kiowa | 5,710 | 360 | 6,070 | 5.9 | 6.6 | 6.2 |

# LABOR FORCE DATA

## *Total Employment and Unemployment*

## DECEMBER 1984

| Area | Employment | Unemployment | Labor Force | UNEMPLOYMENT RATE | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Current Month | Month Ago | Year Ago |
| Latimer | 3,190 | 670 | 3,860 | 17.4 | 16.2 | 14.3 |
| LeFlore | 16,620 | 1,400 | 18,020 | 7.8 | 9.5 | 8.7 |
| Lincoln | 9,720 | 1,310 | 11,030 | 11.9 | 10.4 | 10.0 |
| Logan | 10,360 | 890 | 11,250 | 7.9 | 7.6 | 8.5 |
| Love | 2,540 | 290 | 2,830 | 10.2 | 11.7 | 9.0 |
| McClain | 11,390 | 660 | 12,050 | 5.5 | 5.4 | 4.7 |
| McCurtain | 13,530 | 1,800 | 15,330 | 11.7 | 10.9 | 10.4 |
| McIntosh | 5,900 | 750 | 6,650 | 11.3 | 11.4 | 10.7 |
| Major | 3,730 | 210 | 3,940 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.1 |
| Marshall | 4,090 | 390 | 4,480 | 8.7 | 9.2 | 7.1 |
| Mayes | 16,160 | 2,150 | 18,310 | 11.7 | 9.4 | 9.7 |
| Murray | 5,290 | 490 | 5,780 | 8.5 | 8.6 | 9.2 |
| Muskogee | 28,400 | 3,275 | 31,675 | 10.3 | 10.1 | 10.7 |
| Noble | 4,960 | 300 | 5,260 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 5.6 |
| Nowata | 4,740 | 460 | 5,200 | 8.8 | 9.2 | 10.9 |
| Okfuskee | 3,930 | 480 | 4,410 | 10.9 | 10.8 | 10.6 |
| Oklahoma | 319,350 | 20,650 | 340,000 | 6.1 | 5.6 | 5.4 |
| Okmulgee | 13,525 | 1,600 | 15,125 | 10.6 | 10.1 | 11.9 |
| Osage | 19,700 | 1,075 | 20,775 | 5.2 | 5.5 | 5.5 |
| Ottawa | 13,225 | 1,550 | 14,775 | 10.5 | 9.1 | 9.0 |
| Pawnee | 6,380 | 670 | 7,050 | 9.5 | 9.4 | 9.9 |
| Payne | 32,825 | 1,550 | 34,375 | 4.5 | 3.9 | 4.6 |
| Pittsburg | 12,275 | 1,950 | 14,225 | 13.7 | 12.9 | 14.1 |
| Pontotoc | 15,450 | 1,020 | 16,470 | 6.2 | 6.4 | 6.8 |
| Pottawatomie | 31,000 | 1,925 | 32,925 | 5.8 | 6.0 | 6.3 |
| Pushmataha | 2,700 | 490 | 3,190 | 15.4 | 15.0 | 16.2 |
| Roger Mills | 2,790 | 190 | 2,980 | 6.4 | 5.6 | 6.7 |
| Rogers | 23,260 | 2,010 | 25,270 | 8.0 | 7.2 | 9.9 |
| Seminole | 11,120 | 1,520 | 12,640 | 12.0 | 11.3 | 9.7 |
| Sequoyah | 12,560 | 1,240 | 13,800 | 9.0 | 10.4 | 8.5 |
| Stephens | 20,220 | 1,410 | 21,630 | 6.5 | 6.7 | 8.1 |
| Texas | 8,260 | 280 | 8,540 | 3.3 | 3.6 | 3.6 |
| Tillman | 4,380 | 370 | 4,750 | 7.8 | 7.8 | 9.1 |
| Tulsa | 235,675 | 18,325 | 254,000 | 7.2 | 7.3 | 7.7 |
| Wagoner | 20,930 | 1,290 | 22,220 | 5.8 | 6.1 | 6.1 |
| Washington | 25,660 | 1,120 | 26,780 | 4.2 | 3.9 | 4.6 |
| Washita | 7,910 | 500 | 8,410 | 5.9 | 6.1 | 7.8 |
| Woods | 5,690 | 160 | 5,850 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 3.0 |
| Woodward | 15,560 | 950 | 16,510 | 5.8 | 5.3 | 7.2 |

*Note: Data shown in this table are preliminary figures.*
*Components may not add to totals due to rounding.*

* *Oklahoma City MSA includes Oklahoma, Canadian, Cleveland, McClain and Pottawatomie Counties.*

** *Tulsa MSA includes Tulsa, Creek, Mayes, Osage, Rogers and Wagoner Counties.*

*** *Lawton MSA includes Comanche County only.*

**** *Enid MSA includes Garfield County only.*

# *HOURS AND EARNINGS*
# IN SELECTED OKLAHOMA INDUSTRIES
# DECEMBER 1984

| INDUSTRY GROUP | Average Weekly Earnings | | | Average Weekly Hours | | | Average Hourly Earnings | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Dec 1984p | Nov 1984r | Dec 1983r | Dec 1984p | Nov 1984r | Dec 1983r | Dec 1984p | Nov 1984r | Dec 1983r |
| **Manufacturing** | **$395.57** | **$411.46** | **$395.65** | **40.2** | **41.9** | **41.3** | **$ 9.84** | **$ 9.82** | **$ 9.58** |
| **Durable Goods** | **408.65** | **431.96** | **409.08** | **40.5** | **42.6** | **41.7** | **10.09** | **10.14** | **9.81** |
| Stone, Clay & Glass | 417.36 | 433.05 | 427.12 | 41.2 | 41.8 | 43.1 | 10.13 | 10.36 | 9.91 |
| Primary Metals | 382.27 | 395.41 | 419.52 | 42.1 | 42.2 | 44.3 | 9.08 | 9.37 | 9.47 |
| Fabricated Metals | 401.21 | 375.03 | 384.05 | 42.1 | 40.5 | 40.9 | 9.53 | 9.26 | 9.39 |
| Fabricated Structural Metals | 396.95 | 384.93 | 399.83 | 43.1 | 42.3 | 42.4 | 9.21 | 9.10 | 9.43 |
| Machinery, Except Electrical | 371.89 | 436.39 | 353.79 | 38.3 | 45.6 | 40.9 | 9.71 | 9.57 | 8.65 |
| Oil Field Machinery | 423.71 | 432.02 | 414.17 | 40.2 | 40.3 | 41.5 | 10.54 | 10.72 | 9.98 |
| Electric & Electronic Equipment | 442.55 | 437.93 | 431.57 | 42.8 | 42.6 | 42.9 | 10.34 | 10.28 | 10.06 |
| Transportation Equipment | 471.21 | 509.21 | 517.91 | 39.3 | 40.9 | 41.7 | 11.99 | 12.45 | 12.42 |
| Instruments & Related Products | 427.35 | 410.56 | 429.84 | 46.2 | 43.4 | 42.1 | 9.25 | 9.46 | 10.21 |
| **Nondurable Goods** | **372.93** | **372.30** | **371.08** | **39.8** | **40.6** | **40.6** | **9.37** | **9.17** | **9.14** |
| Food & Kindred Products | 327.29 | 329.89 | 317.24 | 41.8 | 41.6 | 41.2 | 7.83 | 7.93 | 7.70 |
| Apparel & Other Textiles | 182.16 | 179.19 | 171.11 | 37.1 | 37.1 | 36.1 | 4.91 | 4.83 | 4.74 |
| Paper & Allied Products | 407.84 | 411.93 | 429.71 | 40.3 | 41.4 | 44.3 | 10.12 | 9.95 | 9.70 |
| Printing & Publishing | 399.43 | 406.93 | 377.06 | 40.8 | 42.7 | 40.5 | 9.79 | 9.53 | 9.31 |
| Newspapers & Periodicals | 408.66 | 424.54 | 394.88 | 42.0 | 43.1 | 40.5 | 9.73 | 9.85 | 9.75 |
| Petroleum Refining | 518.01 | 530.64 | 532.44 | 35.7 | 40.2 | 43.5 | 14.51 | 13.20 | 12.24 |
| **Nonmanufacturing** | | | | | | | | | |
| Construction | 408.44 | 421.51 | 440.82 | 36.5 | 38.6 | 38.1 | 11.19 | 10.92 | 11.57 |
| Oil & Gas Extraction | 479.36 | 456.32 | 446.02 | 44.8 | 43.5 | 42.6 | 10.70 | 10.49 | 10.47 |
| Public Utilities | 492.44 | 488.04 | 455.63 | 40.9 | 42.0 | 40.5 | 12.04 | 11.62 | 11.25 |
| Wholesale Trade | 359.79 | 354.00 | 370.64 | 39.8 | 40.0 | 40.2 | 9.04 | 8.85 | 9.22 |
| Retail Trade* | 195.87 | 190.95 | 228.71 | 31.9 | 31.1 | 34.6 | 6.14 | 6.14 | 6.61 |

*Note:* *Averages are for production or nonsupervisory workers only and cover both full and part-time employees. Overtime hours and pay are included and changes in the amount of overtime may affect these data. There are approximately 127,100 production workers in manufacturing. These data revised to a 1983 benchmark.*

*Above industries have been classified according to the* **Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Manual, 1972.**

*p-Preliminary; r-Revised. *Excludes eating and drinking establishments.*

*Source: Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, Research and Planning.*

# CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED

## OKLAHOMA DECEMBER 1984 *

### I. INDUSTRY ATTACHMENT BY SEX, DURATION AND RACE

| INDUSTRY | TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT | | | | | | | DURATION BY RACE† | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Sex | | Duration by Weeks | | | White | | | | Black | | | | Indian | | | |
| | Number | Percent Distribution | Male | Female | Less Than 5 | 5-14 | 15 and over | Number | Less Than 5 | 5-14 | 15 and over | Number | Less Than 5 | 5-14 | 15 and over | Number | Less Than 5 | 5-14 | 15 and over |
| **Total** | **24,075** | **100.0** | **15,364** | **8,711** | **8,562** | **9,811** | **5,702** | **20,645** | **7,254** | **8,518** | **4,873** | **2,035** | **716** | **800** | **519** | **659** | **178** | **274** | **207** |
| **Mining** | **2,403** | **10.0** | **2,084** | **319** | **710** | **1,145** | **548** | **2,303** | **667** | **1,108** | **528** | **36** | **8** | **18** | **10** | **30** | **9** | **14** | **7** |
| **Contract Construction** | **4,783** | **19.9** | **4,359** | **424** | **1,620** | **2,145** | **1,018** | **4,230** | **1,435** | **1,906** | **889** | **344** | **91** | **170** | **83** | **127** | **38** | **51** | **38** |
| **Manufacturing, Total** | **5,176** | **21.5** | **3,055** | **2,121** | **2,175** | **1,936** | **1,065** | **4,180** | **1,727** | **1,574** | **879** | **405** | **191** | **140** | **74** | **141** | **46** | **59** | **36** |
| Food & Kindred Products | 296 | 1.2 | 188 | 108 | 137 | 92 | 67 | 234 | 104 | 75 | 55 | 36 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 14 | 8 | 5 | 1 |
| Apparel & Related Products | 776 | 3.2 | 77 | 699 | 316 | 277 | 183 | 418 | 192 | 125 | 101 | 29 | 9 | 15 | 5 | 29 | 7 | 8 | 14 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 172 | .7 | 131 | 41 | 74 | 67 | 31 | 146 | 55 | 63 | 28 | 10 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 3 |
| Printing & Publishing | 106 | .4 | 58 | 48 | 41 | 36 | 29 | 93 | 36 | 32 | 25 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Refining | 268 | 1.1 | 192 | 76 | 81 | 130 | 57 | 244 | 74 | 118 | 52 | 11 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 1 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass | 322 | 1.3 | 206 | 116 | 141 | 124 | 57 | 273 | 124 | 105 | 44 | 41 | 13 | 17 | 11 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Primary Metal Products | 259 | 1.1 | 218 | 41 | 113 | 93 | 53 | 234 | 102 | 81 | 51 | 15 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| Fabricated Metal Products | 844 | 3.5 | 684 | 160 | 254 | 365 | 225 | 756 | 219 | 329 | 208 | 46 | 19 | 19 | 8 | 28 | 5 | 15 | 8 |
| Machinery, except Electrical | 202 | .8 | 164 | 38 | 92 | 70 | 40 | 185 | 81 | 65 | 39 | 13 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Electrical Machinery | 637 | 2.6 | 282 | 355 | 369 | 218 | 50 | 525 | 289 | 192 | 44 | 74 | 55 | 15 | 4 | 13 | 6 | 5 | 2 |
| Transportation Equipment | 321 | 1.3 | 228 | 93 | 154 | 109 | 58 | 261 | 121 | 93 | 47 | 23 | 10 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| All Other Manufacturing | 973 | 4.0 | 627 | 346 | 403 | 355 | 215 | 811 | 330 | 296 | 185 | 99 | 45 | 36 | 18 | 28 | 10 | 14 | 4 |
| **Transportation & Public Utilities** | **1,522** | **6.3** | **1,200** | **322** | **539** | **674** | **309** | **1,346** | **484** | **593** | **269** | **148** | **40** | **69** | **39** | **6** | **2** | **3** | **1** |
| **Wholesale & Retail Trade** | **3,557** | **14.8** | **1,687** | **1,870** | **1,273** | **1,417** | **867** | **3,160** | **1,121** | **1,274** | **765** | **304** | **103** | **120** | **81** | **48** | **15** | **17** | **16** |
| **Finance-Insurance-Real Estate** | **711** | **3.0** | **226** | **485** | **235** | **291** | **185** | **640** | **206** | **267** | **167** | **51** | **14** | **20** | **17** | **5** | **3** | **2** | **0** |
| **Services** | **4,743** | **19.7** | **1,986** | **2,757** | **1,605** | **1,773** | **1,365** | **3,909** | **1,312** | **1,481** | **1,116** | **572** | **205** | **197** | **170** | **199** | **47** | **81** | **71** |
| **State Government** | **238** | **1.0** | **108** | **130** | **61** | **99** | **78** | **178** | **49** | **68** | **61** | **36** | **9** | **17** | **10** | **21** | **1** | **14** | **6** |
| **All Other** | **942** | **3.9** | **659** | **283** | **344** | **331** | **267** | **699** | **253** | **247** | **199** | **139** | **55** | **49** | **35** | **82** | **17** | **33** | **32** |

*See footnotes at end of table.*

# CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED

## OKLAHOMA DECEMBER 1984 *

### II. MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL GROUP BY SEX, DURATION AND RACE

| MAJOR OCCUPATIONAL GROUP | TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT | | | | | | | DURATION BY RACE† | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Sex | | Duration by Weeks | | | White | | | | Black | | | | Indian | | | |
| | Number | Percent Distribution | Male | Female | Less Than 5 | 5-14 | 15 and over | Number | Less Than 5 | 5-14 | 15 and over | Number | Less Than 5 | 5-14 | 15 and over | Number | Less Than 5 | 5-14 | 15 and over |
| **Total** | **24,075** | **100.0** | **15,364** | **8,711** | **8,562** | **9,811** | **5,702** | **20,645** | **7,254** | **8,518** | **4,873** | **2,035** | **716** | **800** | **519** | **659** | **178** | **274** | **207** |
| Professional, Technical & Managerial | 3,304 | 13.7 | 1,840 | 1,464 | 1,116 | 1,328 | 860 | 2,991 | 993 | 1,224 | 774 | 183 | 68 | 59 | 56 | 81 | 20 | 35 | 26 |
| Clerical | 3,698 | 15.4 | 571 | 3,127 | 1,147 | 1,420 | 1,131 | 3,284 | 1,002 | 1,270 | 1,012 | 289 | 86 | 112 | 91 | 74 | 17 | 30 | 27 |
| Sales | 985 | 4.1 | 596 | 389 | 353 | 399 | 233 | 918 | 331 | 369 | 218 | 49 | 13 | 23 | 13 | 12 | 4 | 7 | 1 |
| Service | 2,203 | 9.2 | 799 | 1,404 | 799 | 820 | 584 | 1,630 | 594 | 613 | 423 | 451 | 162 | 166 | 123 | 88 | 24 | 33 | 31 |
| Farming, Fishery, Forestry & Related | 247 | 1.0 | 203 | 44 | 91 | 103 | 53 | 209 | 84 | 83 | 42 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 24 | 2 | 16 | 6 |
| Processing | 611 | 2.5 | 455 | 156 | 255 | 271 | 85 | 512 | 219 | 229 | 64 | 53 | 14 | 23 | 16 | 33 | 17 | 12 | 4 |
| Machine Trades | 1,461 | 6.1 | 1,296 | 165 | 533 | 612 | 316 | 1,262 | 446 | 536 | 280 | 112 | 50 | 44 | 18 | 45 | 14 | 20 | 11 |
| Bench Work | 1,947 | 8.1 | 644 | 1,303 | 882 | 711 | 354 | 1,331 | 611 | 485 | 235 | 205 | 108 | 71 | 26 | 60 | 12 | 22 | 26 |
| Structural Work | 5,584 | 23.2 | 5,273 | 311 | 1,905 | 2,467 | 1,212 | 4,939 | 1,683 | 2,184 | 1,072 | 401 | 116 | 198 | 87 | 162 | 49 | 67 | 46 |
| Miscellaneous | 4,035 | 16.8 | 3,687 | 348 | 1,481 | 1,680 | 874 | 3,569 | 1,291 | 1,525 | 753 | 282 | 97 | 101 | 84 | 80 | 19 | 32 | 29 |

### III. AGE AND SEX BY DURATION AND RACE

| AGE AND SEX | TOTAL INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT | | | | | DURATION BY RACE† | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Duration by Weeks | | | White | | | | Black | | | | Indian | | | |
| | Number | Percent Distribution | Less Than 5 | 5-14 | 15 and over | Number | Less Than 5 | 5-14 | 15 and over | Number | Less Than 5 | 5-14 | 15 and over | Number | Less Than 5 | 5-14 | 15 and over |
| **Total** | **24,075** | **100.0** | **8,562** | **9,811** | **5,702** | **20,645** | **7,254** | **8,518** | **4,873** | **2,035** | **716** | **800** | **519** | **659** | **178** | **274** | **207** |
| Under 22 | 1,611 | 6.7 | 679 | 636 | 296 | 1,423 | 605 | 557 | 261 | 112 | 34 | 52 | 26 | 31 | 8 | 17 | 6 |
| 22-24 | 2,713 | 11.3 | 1,049 | 1,133 | 531 | 2,321 | 878 | 999 | 444 | 257 | 114 | 89 | 54 | 65 | 17 | 27 | 21 |
| 25-34 | 8,660 | 36.0 | 3,159 | 3,499 | 2,002 | 7,299 | 2,651 | 2,980 | 1,668 | 876 | 320 | 325 | 231 | 244 | 71 | 106 | 67 |
| 35-44 | 5,482 | 22.8 | 1,916 | 2,228 | 1,338 | 4,677 | 1,592 | 1,947 | 1,138 | 426 | 142 | 173 | 111 | 180 | 53 | 60 | 67 |
| 45-54 | 3,366 | 14.0 | 1,060 | 1,446 | 860 | 2,960 | 926 | 1,273 | 761 | 204 | 60 | 96 | 48 | 96 | 21 | 44 | 33 |
| 55 and over | 2,243 | 9.3 | 699 | 869 | 675 | 1,965 | 602 | 762 | 601 | 160 | 46 | 65 | 49 | 41 | 8 | 20 | 13 |
| **Male-Total** | **15,364** | **63.8** | **5,568** | **6,549** | **3,247** | **13,389** | **4,818** | **5,771** | **2,800** | **1,247** | **426** | **530** | **291** | **423** | **116** | **178** | **129** |
| Under 22 | 1,077 | 4.5 | 459 | 435 | 183 | 957 | 417 | 380 | 160 | 75 | 24 | 33 | 18 | 27 | 6 | 16 | 5 |
| 22-24 | 1,826 | 7.6 | 716 | 796 | 314 | 1,602 | 624 | 709 | 269 | 150 | 65 | 61 | 24 | 39 | 7 | 16 | 16 |
| 25-34 | 5,687 | 23.6 | 2,123 | 2,406 | 1,158 | 4,882 | 1,823 | 2,091 | 968 | 523 | 184 | 208 | 131 | 171 | 52 | 72 | 47 |
| 35-44 | 3,328 | 13.8 | 1,167 | 1,425 | 736 | 2,871 | 978 | 1,256 | 637 | 265 | 87 | 117 | 61 | 110 | 35 | 40 | 35 |
| 45-54 | 2,039 | 8.5 | 645 | 918 | 476 | 1,822 | 572 | 831 | 419 | 125 | 32 | 60 | 33 | 57 | 13 | 25 | 19 |
| 55 and over | 1,407 | 5.8 | 458 | 569 | 380 | 1,255 | 404 | 504 | 347 | 109 | 34 | 51 | 24 | 19 | 3 | 9 | 7 |
| **Female-Total** | **8,711** | **36.2** | **2,994** | **3,262** | **2,455** | **7,256** | **2,436** | **2,747** | **2,073** | **788** | **290** | **270** | **228** | **236** | **62** | **96** | **78** |
| Under 22 | 534 | 2.2 | 220 | 201 | 113 | 466 | 188 | 177 | 101 | 37 | 10 | 19 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 22-24 | 887 | 3.7 | 333 | 337 | 217 | 719 | 254 | 290 | 175 | 107 | 49 | 28 | 30 | 26 | 10 | 11 | 5 |
| 25-34 | 2,973 | 12.3 | 1,036 | 1,093 | 844 | 2,417 | 828 | 989 | 700 | 353 | 136 | 117 | 100 | 73 | 19 | 34 | 20 |
| 35-44 | 2,154 | 8.9 | 749 | 803 | 602 | 1,806 | 614 | 691 | 501 | 161 | 55 | 56 | 50 | 70 | 18 | 20 | 32 |
| 45-54 | 1,327 | 5.5 | 415 | 528 | 384 | 1,138 | 354 | 442 | 342 | 79 | 28 | 36 | 15 | 41 | 8 | 19 | 14 |
| 55 and over | 836 | 3.5 | 241 | 300 | 295 | 710 | 198 | 258 | 254 | 51 | 12 | 14 | 25 | 22 | 5 | 11 | 6 |

* *Based on data for week of December 16-22, 1984.*

† *Figures for White, Black and Indian will not add to totals due to other non-white and persons for which information was not available.*

# CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

## 1967 = 100

| ALL URBAN CONSUMERS | | | | URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ANNUAL AVERAGES AND CHANGES 1980 - 1983* | | | | | | | |
| Year | Index | | Percent Change From Previous Year | Index | | Percent Change From Previous Year | |
| 1980 | 246.8 | | 13.5 | 247.0 | | 13.5 | |
| 1981 | 272.4 | | 10.4 | 272.3 | | 10.2 | |
| 1982 | 289.1 | | 6.1 | 288.6 | | 6.0 | |
| 1983 | 298.4 | | 3.2 | 297.4 | | 3.0 | |
| MONTH AND YEAR-AGO CHANGES | | | | | | | |
| Year | Dec Index | Nov Index | % Change Month Ago | % Change Year Ago | Dec Index | Nov Index | % Change Month Ago | % Change Year Ago |
| 1984 | 315.5 | 315.3 | * | 4.0 | 312.2 | 311.9 | .1 | 3.5 |

* *Change less than one-tenth of one percent.*

# COMPARISONS OF UNEMPLOYMENT RATES*

## United States and Oklahoma

## 1981 - 1984

| MONTH | 1981 RATES | | | | 1982 RATES | | | | 1983 RATES | | | | 1984 RATES | | | | MONTH |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Unadj. | | Seas. Adj. | | Unadj. | | Seas. Adj. | | Unadj. | | Seas. Adj. | | Unadj. | | Seas. Adj. | | |
| | U.S. | OK | U.S. | OK | U.S. | OK | U.S. | OK | U.S. | OK | U.S. | OK | U.S. | OK | U.S. | OK | |
| Jan. | 8.2 | 4.4 | 7.5 | 4.0 | 9.4 | 4.4 | 8.6 | 4.0 | 11.4 | 9.1 | 10.3 | 8.3 | 8.6 | 8.6 | 8.0 | 7.9 | Jan. |
| Feb. | 8.0 | 4.0 | 7.4 | 3.8 | 9.6 | 4.3 | 8.8 | 4.0 | 11.3 | 10.1 | 10.2 | 9.7 | 8.4 | 8.2 | 7.8 | 7.7 | Feb. |
| Mar. | 7.7 | 3.6 | 7.3 | 3.7 | 9.5 | 4.1 | 9.0 | 4.2 | 10.8 | 10.1 | 10.2 | 10.2 | 8.1 | 7.7 | 7.8 | 7.8 | Mar. |
| Apr. | 7.0 | 3.4 | 7.2 | 3.5 | 9.2 | 4.3 | 9.3 | 4.4 | 10.0 | 9.8 | 10.1 | 10.0 | 7.6 | 7.1 | 7.8 | 7.3 | Apr. |
| May | 7.1 | 3.3 | 7.5 | 3.4 | 9.1 | 4.6 | 9.4 | 4.8 | 9.8 | 10.2 | 9.9 | 10.3 | 7.2 | 6.8 | 7.5 | 6.9 | May |
| June | 7.7 | 3.5 | 7.4 | 3.3 | 9.8 | 5.2 | 9.5 | 5.1 | 10.2 | 10.0 | 9.8 | 9.7 | 7.4 | 6.6 | 7.1 | 6.3 | June |
| July | 7.3 | 3.4 | 7.2 | 3.3 | 9.8 | 5.8 | 9.8 | 5.7 | 9.4 | 9.6 | 9.3 | 9.4 | 7.5 | 6.6 | 7.5 | 6.5 | July |
| Aug. | 7.2 | 3.1 | 7.4 | 3.3 | 9.6 | 5.8 | 9.9 | 6.1 | 9.0 | 9.0 | 9.3 | 9.5 | 7.3 | 6.8 | 7.5 | 7.2 | Aug. |
| Sept. | 7.3 | 3.3 | 7.6 | 3.5 | 9.7 | 6.5 | 10.2 | 6.9 | 8.8 | 8.3 | 9.1 | 8.7 | 7.1 | 6.6 | 7.4 | 7.0 | Sept. |
| Oct. | 7.5 | 3.6 | 8.0 | 3.7 | 9.9 | 7.2 | 10.5 | 7.4 | 8.4 | 7.9 | 8.7 | 8.1 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 7.4 | 7.1 | Oct. |
| Nov. | 7.9 | 3.8 | 8.3 | 3.8 | 10.4 | 7.9 | 10.7 | 7.9 | 8.1 | 7.6 | 8.3 | 7.6 | 6.9 | 6.8 | 7.2 | 6.8 | Nov. |
| Dec. | 8.3 | 3.8 | 8.6 | 3.8 | 10.5 | 8.4 | 10.8 | 8.5 | 8.0 | 7.1 | 8.1 | 7.2 | 7.0 | 7.1 | 7.2 | 6.9 | Dec. |
| ANNUAL AVERAGE | 7.5 | 3.6 | --- | --- | 9.5 | 5.7 | --- | --- | 9.5 | 9.0 | --- | --- | 7.5 | 7.1 | | | ANNUAL AVERAGE |

* *Based on percent of Civilian Labor Force. Seasonally adjusted series for U.S. and Oklahoma are revised. U.S. unemployment rate based on percent of Civilian Labor Force.*

*Note: The rates shown for Oklahoma are revised to a 1983 Current Population Survey (CPS) Benchmark, as established by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

*Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, Research and Planning.*